

WHAT'S THE WORD-LE?

Web 2.0 Activity

Wordle is a Web 2.0 tool that can generate "word clouds" from text the user provides. The more frequently a word is used, the larger it appears in the word cloud. Users can tweak their clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes.

21 Century Skills Wordle Example:



Not only can Wordle be used to hone digital skills, but students can utilize this resource to make a visual statement: Report or research paper title pages... Web site, wiki, blog and/or document graphics... Presentation title slides or back drops...

In order to learn how to use this really "cool tool", create a Wordle at <http://www.wordle.net> for each of the following categories:

- ❖ Famous American Speech: Use the links located on my Multimedia wiki and/or a search engine to find the text a well-known speech. (5 points)
- ❖ Favorite Poem: Use the links located on my Multimedia wiki and/or a search engine to find the text of your favorite poem. (5 points)
- ❖ Current Event: Use the links located on my Multimedia wiki - including the *10X10: 100 Words & Pictures that Define the Time* Web 2.0 tool - and/or a search engine to locate a recent and significant happening in our nation or world. (5 points)

- ❖ All About Me: Complete the template below in order to create a text source for your Wordle. Then open a Microsoft Word document and type each answer the number of times indicated in parentheses. Once your document is completed, copy and paste your text into the Wordle web site to generate your very own word cloud! 😊 (10 points)

Name (First Name~Last Initial) _____ (20) Age _____ (15)

Likes _____

_____ (12 each)

Pets _____ (10 each)

Three words to describe me _____

_____ (8)

My favorite...

Color _____ (6)

Food _____ (6)

TV Show _____ (6)

Musical Group/Band _____ (6)

Candy Bar _____ (6)

Subject _____ (6)

Place to Visit _____ (6)

Person _____ (6)

A Few Wordle Tips:

- How to keep words together...
 - ✓ Use the tilde character (~) between words that go together. The tilde will be converted to a space when your Wordle is created, and the words will be treated as a single word.
- Keyboard Shortcuts...
 - ✓ CTRL + C = Copy
 - ✓ CTRL + V = Paste
 - ✓ CTRL + A = Select All

What's Next?

- ❖ Create a new wiki page entitled "What's the Word-le?" (2 points)
- ❖ Insert a four column, two row table on your page. (2 points)
- ❖ As you complete and then save each Wordle to the online Gallery, copy the embed code that is provided and use the widget tool to insert each one into the table. Label each Wordle. (8 points)

Example:



- ❖ Create a title for your wiki page using the "Flaming Text" generator located at <http://www.flamingtext.com>. (3 points)

Note: Please select speeches, poetry, current events and items for your "All About Me" Wordle that are appropriate for school! 😊